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SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

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SUBJ: WHEREABOUTS OF NGUYEN XUAN PHONG, FORMER GVN REPRESENTATIVE
IN PARIS

1. DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S CALL AT THE DEPT.
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAY 23 HE ASKED MACK WILLIAMS OF DFA IF THERE
WAS ANY INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF NGUYEN XUAN PHONG
AND HIS WIFE, WHO HAD RETURNED TO SAIGON FROM PARIS A FEW DAYS
BEFORE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER.

2. WILLIAMS INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 28 THAT ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY PARIS PHONG'S NIECE IN PARIS RECENTLY RECEIVED A TELEGRAM
FROM MRS. PHONG, SAYING THAT BOTH SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE IN
SAIGON AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

3. HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF LATER MAY 28 PROFESSOR
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PHILLIP GROUSE, DEAN OF RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE AT UNIVERSITY OF

NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, (WHERE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS LIVE), STATED THAT SOME OF HIS STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED CABLES FROM SAIGON SIMILAR TO THE CABLE WILLIAMS REFERRED TO ABOVE. GROUSE SAYS THAT SOME OF THE CABLES FROM SAIGON ARE SIGNED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE IN GUAM OR IN CONTINENTAL U.S. GROUSE BELIEVES THAT PRG MAY BE ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA WITH VIEW EVENTUALLY TO EXERCISING PRESSURE ON THEM. HE FEELS THAT AUTHENTICITY OF THESE CABLES (AND, BY INFERENCE, OF THE CABLE FROM MRS. PHONG) IS OPEN TO QUESTION.
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